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Limited Tickets Available Now for Train Rides Aboard Sierra No. 3 on Debut Weekend!

Following Extensive Restoration, North America's Most Famous Steam Locomotive Returns to Service at Railtown 1897 -- July 3 & 4

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – Following an extensive and historic restoration, limited tickets are available now for those interested in riding behind the 1891-vintage Sierra No. 3 on its debut weekend of July 3 and 4 at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP). A special celebration is planned for the weekend, featuring memorable steam train rides through the scenic Gold Country along with live entertainment from the Black Irish Band, Music First, Cactus Bob & Prairie Flower; costumed characters; food booths; movie highlights featuring Sierra No. 3; and much more.

Tapping into America's love affair with Westerns, the iconic Sierra No. 3 became known as the "movie star locomotive" after starring in more than 100 Hollywood movies and television productions alongside world-famous celebrities beginning in the early 1900s. In addition, Sierra No. 3 is one of the oldest operating steam locomotives in the United States. After its official debut, Sierra No. 3 will resume its rightful place as the starring attraction at Railtown 1897 SHP, a unique attraction which combines industrial heritage, railroad history and the lore of Hollywood.

Over the weekend of July 3 and 4, special 45-minute excursion steam train rides will be available behind the "movie star locomotive" Sierra No. 3. These rides will cost \$30 for adults and \$15 for youths ages 2-17 (children under age 2 are free if they do not occupy a seat). Sierra No. 3 train rides will depart at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. these two days only. Advance tickets are limited and available online at www.railtown1897.org.

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides weekends April-October (selected dates only November-December). Known as "The Movie Railroad," the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Open Tuesday-Sunday except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, the Park's operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org

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